

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 22nd, 2018

“When I cry unto thee,
then shall mine enemies
turn back: this I know; for
GOD is for me.”

(PSALM 56:9)



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Brian Jennings - July 18th

This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR

HEBREWS 2:1-3 — GREAT SALVATION

Recorded on Wednesday evening, March 29th, 2017

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SAVED SINNER

“IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SINNED,
WE MAKE HIM A LIAR, AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US”

[1 JOHN 1:10]

[Beloved], the believer knows, that “in the flesh no man can please God.” Yes, the believer is still a sinner. My friend, if we do not understand this principle, if we don’t understand and accept this fact, that the believer is not perfect; He is perfect in Christ. He is perfect in the Holiness of Christ. Thank God for that! Beloved [you’re] complete in Christ, but [you’re] not perfect in the flesh! Indeed, the believer doesn’t go a day without sin. He doesn’t go a day without a conflict of sin. He is never without sin, sinful thoughts and attitudes. [My friend] if you don’t understand that, and face that, or admit it, one of two things will be the result.

If you don’t admit that and you don’t face that fact or understand it, then one of two things will happen. You are either going to lie to yourself, lie to others or lie to God in claiming you are without sin. If you claim to be without sin, you are lying to yourself and you are deceiving yourself. If you say you have no sin, you deceive yourselves. We are lying to ourselves, if we say we have no sin, we are lying to other people. *“If we say that we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar”* (1 JOHN 1:10).

I encourage you, walk in the Spirit. Don’t walk in the flesh. Strive against that old nature. Strive against that old flesh. Strive against that old sin. Mortify that flesh and put down that lust, envy, pride,

anger and jealousy; put it down! Push your flesh down and mortify it and press it down. It will be a constant battle. It will constantly come up again because you are still in the flesh and you are still a person. *“I write unto you little children, that you sin not, but if any man sin, [if you do] we have an advocate with the Father.”* I think that word *“if”* ought to be said, *“when.”*

God cannot and does not command you to sin. He commands you not to sin. The apostle has to command us not to. That is what the Word commands us. Don't sin. Fight it, mortify it, suppress it, and strive against it. But, when a man sins; *“We have an advocate with the Father.”*

What is an advocate? [My friend,] an advocate is a mediator. An advocate is a lawyer. An advocate is one that pleads your case, and who pleads your cause. We have an advocate, we have a mediator. When we sin, we have somebody that can go to the Father for us. His name is Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Did you hear that? What did it say? *“If any man sin, we have an advocate,”* we have a mediator.

It does not say that *“If any man sin, he is lost.”* It does not say, *“If any man sin, he will have to get re-saved.”* It doesn't say, *“If any man sin, he has forfeited his place in the Kingdom.”* It doesn't say, *“If any man sin, he no longer has a mediator.”* It says, *“If any man sin, He has an advocate.”*

My friend, a man who is not a sinner, does not need an advocate. A man who is not a sinner does not need a mediator. Maybe that is the reason so many people in my day are not coming to Christ. They are not believing on Christ or looking to Christ. They are trying to find salvation in a church, a profession, or a baptism. Maybe they aren't sinners.

I'm a sinner! [The pastor of this church is a sinner!] I need a mediator. It does not say, *“If any man be Holy, he has an advocate.”* What does a holy man need with an advocate? It doesn't say, *“If any man be perfect, he has an advocate.”* What does a perfect man need with an advocate?

It says, *“If any man sins, we have a mediator. We have an advocate with the Father who is Jesus Christ the Righteous.”* Now, that is a man that needs a mediator, that is a man who needs a Saviour.

I will tell you this; the gospel demands honesty. It is time for us to be honest before God. God does not show mercy to liars, those who deny they are sinners. No He doesn't. God is truth and we'll meet God in truth or we will meet God in judgment. [AMEN!]

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

DEAD TO SIN

“HOW SHALL WE, THAT ARE DEAD TO SIN, LIVE ANY LONGER THEREIN?”

(ROMANS 6:1-2)

[So then] how shall we who have this attitude toward sin actually live in sin? Persons are said to live in sin when they give themselves up to it, when they are bent upon it, when sin is their pleasure and delight, and when they offer no real resistance to it. Living in sin and justifying [our] sin are contrary to the Spirit of Christ (1 JOHN 2:15-16).

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

IN THE FAITH / IN CHRIST

“EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH...”

(1 CORINTHIANS 13:5)

Beloved, in the scriptures we are commanded to examine ourselves, *whether we be in the faith*. Now, examining ourselves is not self reflection to see if I’ve done this thing and that thing. Or just as bad, to see if I haven’t done this or that, or even worse, thinking to oneself *I am not as other men are*—I’m not as bad as that sinner over there. So pastor, if it’s not those things, what is it?

My friend, what you’re looking for (when you’re examining yourself) is this, do I trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone for all my salvation? If you do, we’d sure like to hear about it.

Our Lord has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature and *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved!”* (MARK 16:15). Do you believe on the Son of God? Saved people confess Him in believer’s baptism—and they do confess Him, not to be saved, but rather my friend, you’ll do that because you already are!

You see, all my salvation, all my acceptance before God, is not found in my baptism, rather it’s found in His baptism, His faithfulness, and His righteousness. Beloved, it’s His obedience that saves us!

John the Baptist declared to those religious hypocrites *“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”* (MATT. 3:7-15)—you know I don’t think one of those hypocrites ever confessed their sins—and so that is what makes it all the more remarkable, when John the Baptist said to our Lord *“I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?”* And our blessed Lord said *“Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.”*

What a blessed hope! Our Lord did not say “for thus it becometh me to fulfill all righteousness” but rather “it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness!” O what a blessed reality! I’m in Him and He’s in me. He was made all my sin and He is all my righteousness! I’m one with Him! Is He Holy? Then I am holy. Is He accepted of the Father? Then so am I in Christ Jesus, my all and in all.

PASTOR